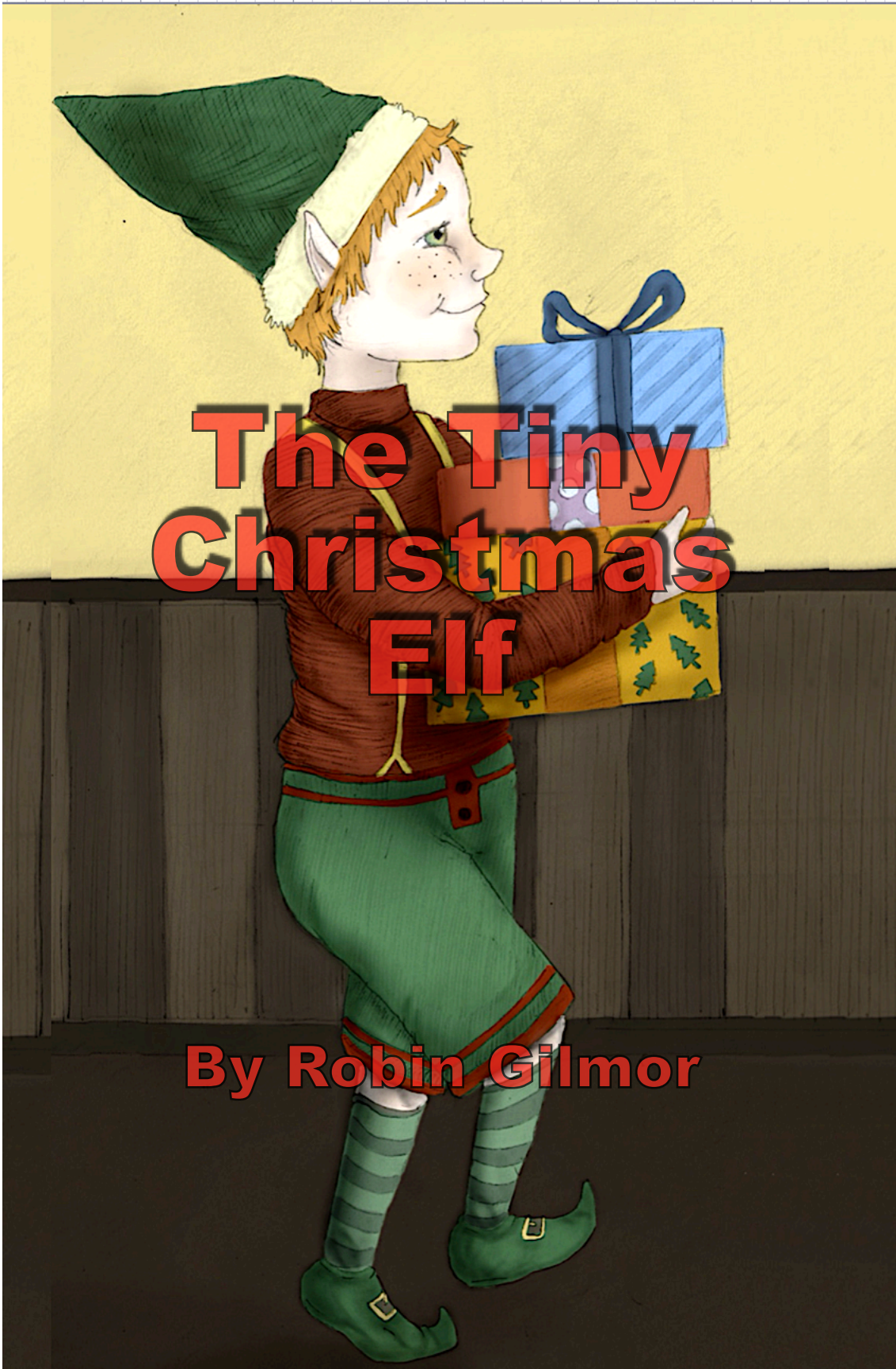
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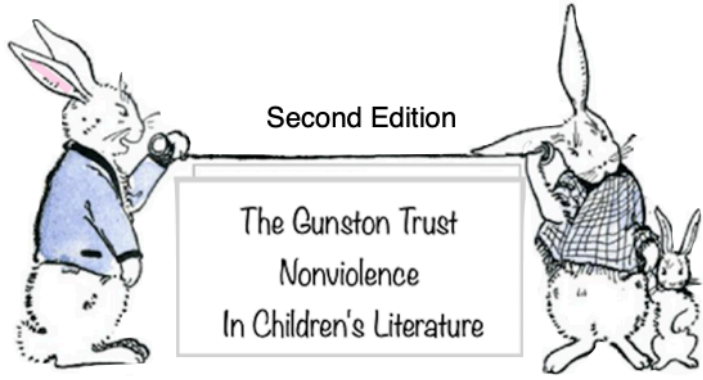

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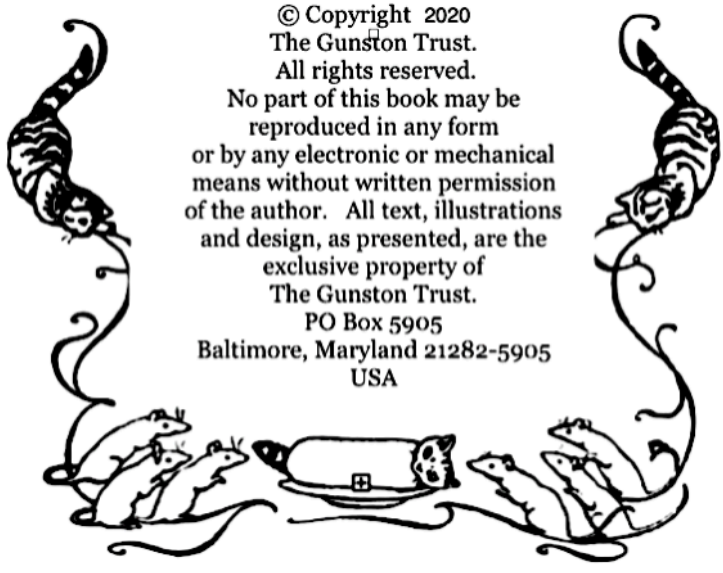

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He wore green-lederhosen for pants,
with trimmings in beautiful red.
Suspenders for straps, worn on his back,
and a warm pointed cap on his head.

Now he often wore pointed toed shoes,

over striped woolen stockings of green

He was so much smaller - than most of the elves

So he had to work harder, it seemed.

He helped everyone here and there.

And madly chopped wood for the fire,

He helped other Elves who seemed to be slow,

And he worked with determined desire.

Then one day Santa said to his Elves,

"We need shoes that are fit for the Queen,

And only the best shoes will do,

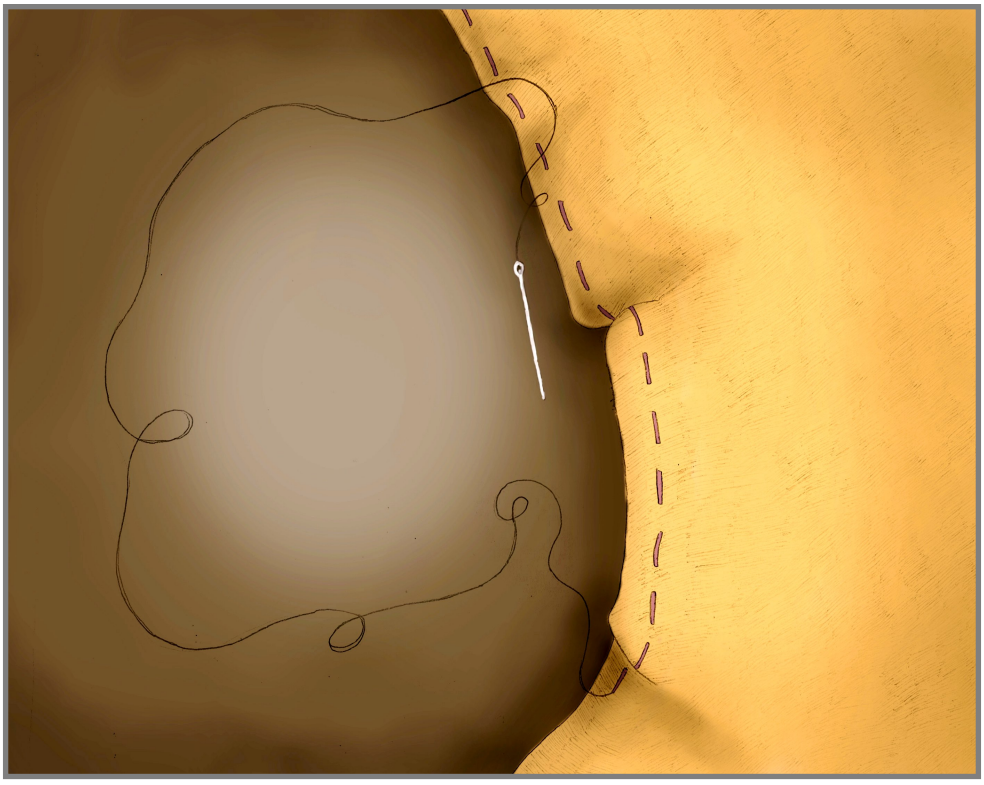
Made of leather and silken sateen."

I want to make shoes for the Queen,"

Said Owen, the tiniest Elf.

The others just laughed out loud,

""You can't ever make shoes by yourself!"



But who is the master of craft,

And whose stitches are steady and straight?

For they must be divine and finished on time,

This endeavor must never be late!

Every Elf thought his own work the best.

While they looked at each other and smiled.

Surely Santa will only choose me as the best,

Each Elf thought he'd win by a mile.

You must each - make a pair of great shoes,"
Santa Said, "Now thisis surely your test.
One will win, while the rest of you lose.
Then we'll see who is truly the best."

So they went to their benches to work.

All the Elves working hard to compete.

With a rat-a-tat-tat all the hammers and tacks

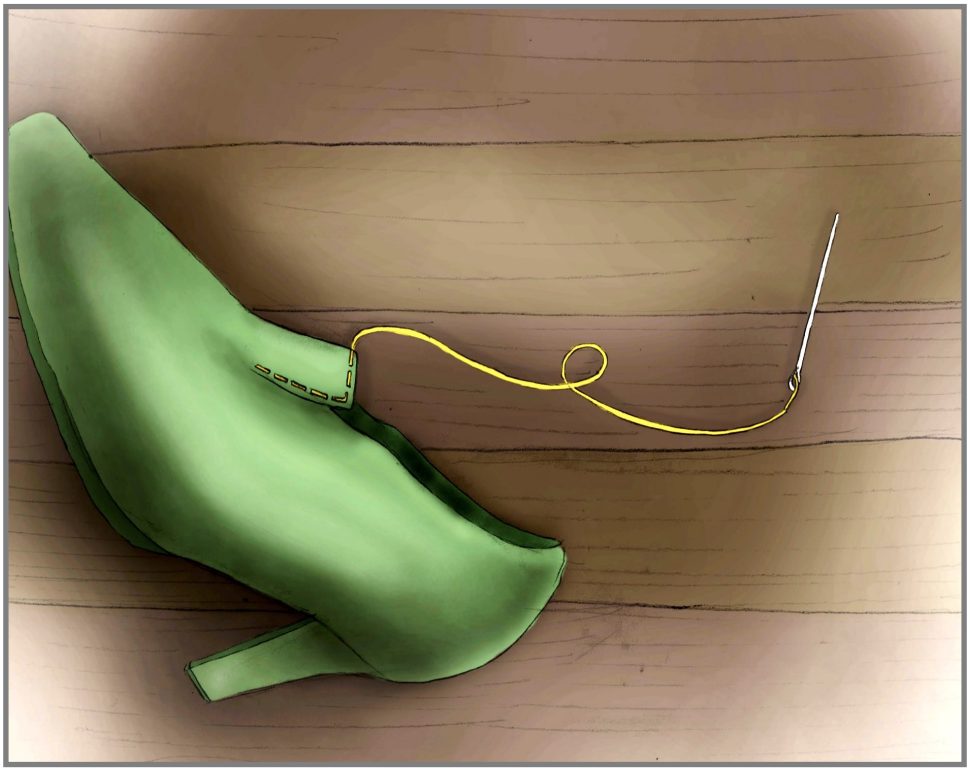
For each shoe must be perfectly neat.

Little Owen got nothing but scraps,

Yet he worked and he sewed like the rest.

He cobbled all night, until it was dawn,

And hoped that his shoes would be best.



They worked on their shoes all night long.
Working hard until dawn the next day.
For they snipped and they snapped,
They glued and they tapped,
Then they put all their shoes on display.
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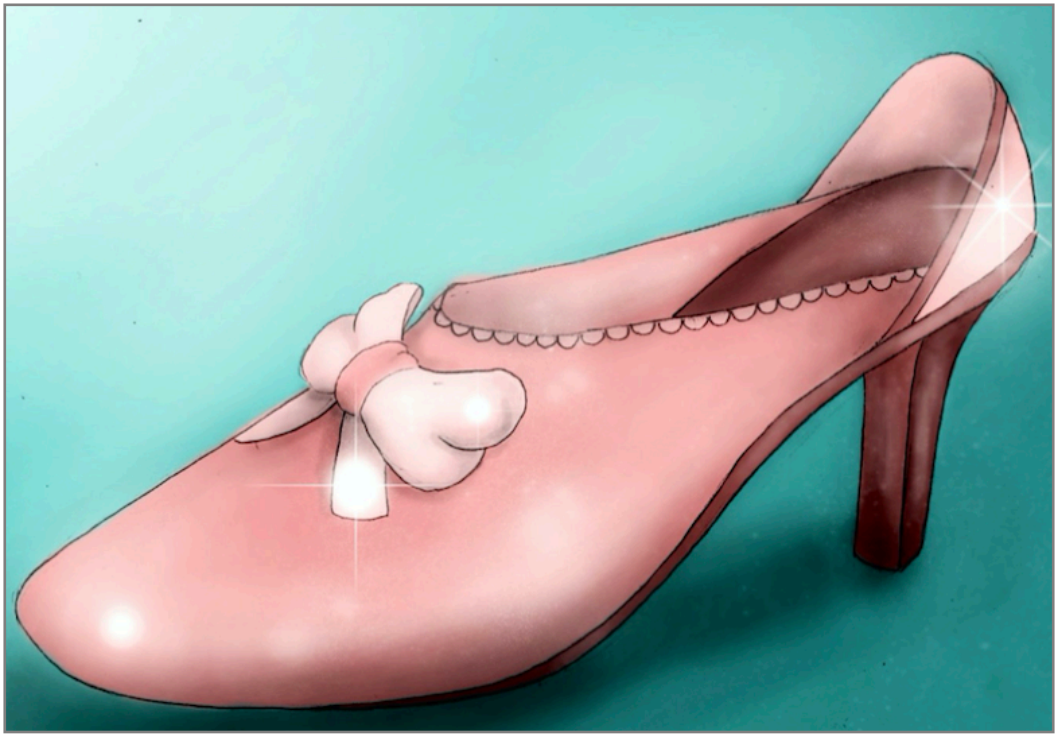
Santa looked at the shoes that were made.
Some were gaudy, some plain and some bad.
He inspected each shoe, every tack, stitch and glue,
And was not very happy or glad.



Then a pink satin pair caught his eyes.
Dancing shoes that would match the Queen's gown.
They were special, so shiny, such a grand sparkling sight,
Santa knew they were fit for the crown.

Dancing shoes by his tiniest Elf.
Perfect stitches were sewn for the Queen.
So much better than anyone else had made,
And the prettiest he'd ever seen.

Santa beamed with such fatherly pride,

and the Queen asked to meet such an Elf.

"I see that you set the new Standard of Royal,"

Said the Queen, as she thanked him herself.

So no matter how little you are,
Believe in yourself and don't cry,
If you want to win and to triumph,
the first part of triumph is

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